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JOHANNESBURG DAILY, THE CITIZEN, JULY 28 EDITION CONTINUES ITS SERIES, UNDER BY-LINE AIDA PARKER, ON SECRET US WAR AGAINST SA, AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE:

THE CIA BEING IN THE SUBTERFUGE BUSINESS, IT BANKROLLS A GREAT VARIETY OF ORGANIZATIONS.

IT IS PARTICULARLY OLD TRICK OF THE CIA, IN ITS SUBLIMINAL ATTACKS ON A TARGET NATION, TO SUBSIDISE STUDENT MOVEMENTS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WHICH COULD HELP INFLUENCE IMPRESSIONABLE YOUNG MINDS.

TODAY, THEN, WE HAVE ANOTHER LOOK AT " THE AMERICAN WAY OF GIVING," THIS TIME THROUGH TWO KEY CIA-BACKED FUNDING OPERATIONS: THE WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE (WUS) AND THE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE FUND (IUEF).

UNTIL THE SCHLEBUSCH COMMISSION BEGAN LIFTING THE SECRECY CURTAIN (REVEALING SOME EXTREMELY INTERESTING SCENERY), THESE UNCLASSIFIED

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TWO FUNDS WERE THE BIGGEST FOREIGN SOURCES OF MONEY FOR NUSAS.

OVERTLY:

THOUGH SCHBUSCH TURNED OFF THE TAPS FOR NUSAS, BOTH FUNDS ARE STILL OPERATING, OVERTLY AND COVERTLY, BOTH IN SOUTH AFRICA AND SOUTH WEST AFRICA -- AND IN SOME HIGHLY SENSITIVE AREAS. ACCORDING TO ITS DOCUMENTATION, WUS WAS ESTABLISHED AFTER

THE FIRST WORLD WAR TO ASSIST STUDENT VICTIMS BY PROVIDING FOOD CLOTHING, BOOKS AND SCHOLARSHIPS TO ENABLE THEM TO RESUME THEIR STUDIES.

AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR IT HELPED STUDENT POWS TO CONTINUE THEIR STUDIES AND CONTRIBUTED TOWARD THE RESTORATION OF UNIVERSITIES IN EUROPE AND ASIA.

INITIALLY THE WUS WAS AN EDUCATIONAL WEFARE ORGANISATION. THAT'S THE WAY MOST SOUTH AFRICANS ASSOCIATED WITH IT STILL VIEW THIS SEEMINGLY INOCUOUS ORGANISATION. THEY ARE MAKING A DANGEROUS MISTAKE.

FIRST HINT THAT DRAMATIC NEW THINGS WERE PLANNED FOR WUS CAME IN THE EARLY 50S WHEN A WELL-KNOWN BLACK CIA AGENT, JAMES T ("TED") HARRIS, JOINED THE GENEVA HEADQUARTERS AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL.

BY 1976 WUS WAS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT IN THE US WHERE THE NEW YORK TIMES CLAIMED THAT IT HAD " SET UP A NETWORK OF CONSPIRACY WITHIN SEEMINGLY FREE INSTITUTIONS".

IN THAT SAME YEAR, AN OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION WAS OPENED IN SPAIN INTO ALLEGATIONS THAT WUS WAS ASSOCIATED WITH CIA EFFORTS TO DESTABILISE THE FRANCO REGIME.

SHIFT:

IN MAY, 1971, A BRITISH NEWSPAPER QUOTED THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF WUS, A MR. S. CHIDAMBARANATHAN, AS SAYING THAT WUS " HAS COME OUT OPENLY IN SUPPORT OF GUERRILA MOVEMENTS".

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THE REPUBLIC IT APPEARED, WOULD BE A PARTICULAR TARGET.

"WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICES OPPOSES ANY GOVERNMENT OR BODY CO-OPERATING WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND IS OUTSPOKENLY AGAINST THE SALE OF ARMS THERE".

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS NEWSPAPERS HERE AND ABROAD CARRIED THE NEWS THAT WUS WAS LEADING SUPPORT TO TERRORIST MOVEMENTS. IT WAS REPORTED THAT A WUS OFFICIAL WAS NEGOTIATING WITH THE OAU ON WHAT WOULD BE THE BEST WAY TO HELP THE " LIBERATION MOVEMENTS". BEST KNOWN OF THESE WERE THE ANC, PAC, FRELIMO, ZAPU AND ZANU.

WUS ESTABLISHED A SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICE IN 1963. WITHIN A YEAR OR TWO A NUSAS OFFICIAL HAD BEEN APPOINTED TO THE LOCAL EXECUTIVE.

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS THE LOCAL WUS OFFICE WAS CLOSED DOWN-- BUT THE GENEVA HEADQUARTERS CONTINUED AS A MAJOR SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR NUSAS AND OTHER BODIES.

BY 1967 NUSAS KNEW ALL ABOUT THE CIA CONNECTION -- AND BY 1971 WAS GETTING ITS INSTRUCTIONS, IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS. MICHEL GOUALT, CO-SECRETARY OF WUS IN GENEVA, WROTE-- LAYING IT ON THE LINE. NUSAS WOULD HAVE TO COOPERATE MUCH MORE CLOSELY WITH THE RADICAL BLACK STUDENT ORGANISATION, SASO, HE SAID, OR RUN THE RISK OF LOSING CERTAIN DONATIONS.

" YOU ARE CERTAINLY AWARE OF THE SYMPATHY GOING TOWARDS SASO IN THE CIRCLE OF ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS WUS", HE WROTE THE LETTER, THE TEXT OF WHICH IS IN THE CITIZEN'S POSSESSION BUT IS TOO LONG TO BE USED IN FULL, INDICATED THAT NUSAS SHOULD UNDERSTAND IT WAS OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE TO BUILD UP SASO FOR THE DAY " WHEN TIME COMES DOWN TO ACTION" AND FOR THE "USEFUL RESULTS" WHICH SASO'S APPROACH COULD BE EXPECTED TO YIELD.

GOUALT'S LETTER MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT WUS WAS USING BOTH NUSAS AND SASO IN ACCORDANCE WITH A LONG-TERM POLITICAL STRATEGY.

THE LETTER ALSO MAKES STRIKINGLY CLEAR HOW MUCH INFLUENCE A MAJOR, CONSISTENT FOREIGN DONOR CAN BUILD UP ON THE RECIPIENT BODY OVER A PERIOD OF TIME.

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FURTHER EVIDENCE OF WUS LINKS WITH TERRORIST MOVEMENTS WAS GIVEN IN TWO PARAGRAPHS IN THE PUBLICATION " WUS ACTION, 1971-1972". THESE READ:

" WUS IS IN CONTACT AND COOPERATION WITH SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WITH REGARD TO ITS EDUCATION PROGRAM.

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"THE AZANIAN (IE. SOUTH AFRICAN) PROGRAMS ARE CARRIED OUT IN COOPERATION WITH THE NATIONAL UNION OF SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS (NUSAS) AND WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS ORGANISATION (SASO)".

EVEN LESS WELL KNOWN TO MOST SOUTH AFRICANS IS THE INTER-NATIONAL UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE FUND. BORN OUT OF THE OLD INTER-NATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE (ISC), IUEF, FOUNDED IN 1960, HAD A POLITICAL CHARACTER FROM THE START.

IUEF'S AIMS WERE CLEARLY SPELT OUT IN ITS OFFICIAL MOUTH-PIECE, THE STUDENT, IN THE JANUARY/FEBRUARY ISSUE OF 1967:

"THE GOAL UPON WHICH THE IUEF WORK IS FOCUSED IS .. THE LIBERATION OF THOSE AFRICAN NATIONS STILL SUFFERING UNDER THE RULE OF COLONIALISM OR APARTHEID.

"THEREFORE THE IUEF STAYS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH ALL THE MAJOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS FROM THEM".

MOVEMENTS LISTED INCLUDE ANC, PAC, SWAPO, SWANU, ZANU, UNCLASSIFIED

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ZAPU AND FRELIMO.

THE ARTICLE ADDED: " GRADUATES WHO HAVE RECEIVED IUEF SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE PAST CAN NOW BE FOUND WORKING FOR THE LIBERATION OF THEIR PEOPLE IN MANY OF THE ORGANISATIONS MENTIONED".

AS WITH WUS, IN 1967, IT BECAME KNOWN THAT THE CIA PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ISC. AS A RESULT OF THIS EXPOSE, ISC WAS ALLOWED TO DIE, BUT IUEF WAS KEPT GOING AS AN IN-DEPENDENT ORGANISATION.

THE IUEF DEVELOPED AMSAZINGLY FAST FROM A SMALL FUND WITH A LIMITED NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ORGANISATIONS IN ITS FIELD.

BY 1971 ITS TOTAL BUDGET AMOUNTED TO MORE THAN R1,4 MILLION WITH ADDITIONAL SPONSORS COMING IN ALL THE TIME.

GENEROUS:

BOTH ORGANISATIONS WERE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTORS TO NUSAS -- TO THE POINT WHERE, JUDGING BY A LETTER WRITTEN IN 1969 BY CLIVE NETTLETON, THE ACTING PRESIDENT, AND QUOTED ON PAGE 157 OF THE SCHLEBUSCH REPORT, NUSAS OFFICIALS WERE CONFUSED ABOUT WHICH BODY WAS CONTRIBUTING TO WHICH PROJECT. THE SCHLEBUSCH REPORT ALSO STATED THAT THE IUEF HAD BECOME THE MOST IMPORTANT SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR NUSAS.

IUEF'S AIMS AND OBJECTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WERE SPELT OUT IN THE CLEAREST POSSIBLE TERMS BY IUEF DIRECTOR, LARS-GUNNAR ERIKSEN, AT AN " INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF EXPERTS FOR THE SUPPORT OF VICTIMS OF COLONIALISM AND APARTHEID IN SOUTHERN AFRICA", HELD IN OSLO FROM APRIL 9 TO 14, 1973.

UNDER THE HEADING, " THE MOTIVES BEHIND ASSISTANCE", HE SAID: " IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE TIME HAS COME WHEN ORGANISATIONS MUST RECOGNISE THAT THE PRIME INTENTION IS TO PROVIDE WITHIN THE UNAVOIDABLE LIMITATIONS, ASSISTANCE TOWARDS THE ULTIMATE AND TOTAL LIBERATION OF THE COUNTRIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND TO PLAN PROGRAMMES AND PRIORITIES IN THAT CONTEXT".
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UNDER THE HEADING " PROGRAMMES BEHIND ENEMY LINES", HE SAID:
" IT IS TODAY BY AND LARGE RECOGNIZED THAT LIBERATION AND REVOLUTION MUST COME FROM WITHIN THE COUNTRY.
" AS A CONSEQUENCE IT IS NOT DESIRABLE THAT THE POLITICALLY AGILE AND AWARE LEAVE THE COUNTY MORE THAN IS NECESSARY. THAT SHOULD LEAD US TO PROVIDE AN INCREASED AND MORE EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE BEHIND THE LINES OF THE ENEMY.
"PERHAPS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT ARE THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY MANY DIFFERENT GROUPS WITH A VIEW TO CREATING A GREATER POLITICAL AWARENESS AMONG THE PEOPLE, TO SPREAD INFORMATION OF CIVIL AND LABUR RIGHTS, TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP TRAINING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES, TRAINING IN NUTRITION, LITERACY, ETC.
"MORE DETAILS OBVIOUSLY CANNOT BE GIVEN PUBLICLY. ASSISTANCE TOWARDS PROGRAMMES BEHIND THE ENEMY LINES, CARRIED OUT IN A QUIET WAY THROUGH RELIABLE CHANNELS, SHOULD BE GIVEN INCREASED IMPORTANCE BY THOSE CONCERNED..."
ARE WUS AND IUEF STILL " OPERATING BEHIND THE ENEMY LINES"?
NUSAS MAY BE OUT OF ACTION, BUT THE FUNDS STILL COME THROUGH AND ARE HANDLED BY VARIOUS TRUSTS AND ORGANISATIONS.
IUEF IS STILL OPERATING A PRISON EDUCATION PROGRAMME, NOTABLY AMONG THE POLITICAL PRISONERS ON ROBBEN ISLAND. END QUOTE.
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